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Letter dated 21 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to refer to the Security Council presidential statement read to the press on 19 July 2000 and broadcast by Radio France International concerning the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which contains false information about the movements of the Rwandese Patriotic Army.

The Government of Rwanda would like to categorically state that there are no such movements by the Rwandese Patriotic Army and that the Army has fully respected the Lusaka Agreement.

On the contrary, such movements might be a prelude to more violations of the ceasefire by President Kabila's Government and its allies and latest reports by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) do tell you more.

The Government of Rwanda has repeatedly urged the Security Council to ensure expeditious deployment of the observers of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) so as to monitor implementation of the ceasefire, verify all violations and bring all those responsible to account. To date, MONUC's miniscule presence is largely symbolic. President Kabila has not only ridiculed MONUC, he has also rejected President Masire as the facilitator of the inter-Congolese political dialogue and remains intransigent towards all the other political actors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It is high time the Security Council as a whole pronounced itself on these series of serious violations of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement.

The Government of Rwanda remains committed to the full implementation of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement and expects all the other signatories to do the same.

I would be very grateful if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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